

the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and later for Senator William J. Fulbright. Lucille remained active in Democratic politics, serving as an election official in Democratic primaries and general elections in Howard County.

She remained an active and influential member of the community through her volunteer service and civic activities. She was a charter member of the Mine Creek Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a Board member of the Nashville Cemetery Association, and a Board member and President of the Howard County Library System.

Lucille's thirst for knowledge led her to become the area's unofficial historian. In this capacity, she co-founded the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives in Washington, Arkansas where she volunteered for 24 years, serving as Director of the Archives from 1990–2002. Other projects important to her included working to restore and preserve buildings in nearby Washington and completing a book about the Corinth area in Howard County.

I know the impact which individuals like Lucille can have on a small community. She continually made a priority of helping others learn more about their neighborhoods, communities and family heritages. In 1979, the Arkansas Historical Association recognized her work in preserving the role of history in our lives by establishing an annual \$500 award, named in her honor, to the author of the best report on a topic in Arkansas history.

I extend my warmest sympathies to her brother Parker Westbrook of Nashville, her extended family, and the countless friends and individuals who knew and loved Lucille.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF LT. COLONEL PETE GANDY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of one of my constituents, who will soon be joining the ranks of the retired commissioned officers of the United States Air Force, Lt. Colonel Pete Gandy.

Colonel Gandy, a master navigator with 3,600 flying hours and a graduate of the Squadron Officers School and Air Command and Staff College, has served his country honorably and faithfully for the past thirty years.

Upon graduation through the ROTC program at Memphis State University, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force. Colonel Gandy later received training as a navigator at Mather Air Force Base in California.

Throughout Colonel Gandy's career, he was assigned a multitude of important missions for the betterment of our country's security. His work history and past responsibilities have served as a testament of faith and trust that America has bestowed upon him.

While on active duty, he was assigned Chief of the Munitions Maintenance Division, 1st Strategic Air Division at Vandenberg AFB, California, where he was responsible for test launches for Minuteman III and Titan II ICBM re-entry vehicles. Colonel Gandy also served at Strategic Air Command Headquarters at Offutt AFB, Nebraska where he was involved

with planning and installation of Minuteman III missiles at SAC bases in North Dakota.

After his training as a radar navigator, Colonel Gandy was assigned to a B-52 combat crew of the 5th Bomb Wing, Minot AFB, North Dakota. He served as an instructor and flight examiner with the Wing's Standardization and Evaluation Division during his ARC Light tour to U Tapao Air Base, Thailand and Anderson, AFB, Guam. Upon Colonel Gandy's return to the United States, he received orders to the Plans, Policy, and Programs Division at Headquarters SAC where he worked to increase our Nation's security.

While on inactive duty in the Tennessee Air National Guard as a C-130 navigator, he participated in numerous exercises and deployments to Europe, Central and South America, and Southwest Asia in support of Operations Just Cause and Desert Shield.

In July 1993 Colonel Gandy received a commission in the Louisiana State Guard, promoted to the rank of Colonel, and served as the Disaster Preparedness Liaison for the City of New Orleans. This assignment made him a key player with the state and the city to improve hurricane preparedness.

During his career he was awarded the Defense Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Air Medal for Meritorious Achievement, among others.

Much of his success was due to the total and unwavering support of his wife, Janice and two children David and Tricia.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to recognize this brave airman for the example he has set for our country, and for Northwest Florida. I offer my sincere thanks for all that he has done for Northwest Florida and the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO MARK MARCHUS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mark Marchus and thank him for his many contributions to Routt County, Colorado. After 6 years of impeccable service to the Routt County Regional Building Department, Mark announced his impending retirement. He has done much to enhance his community, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his service.

During his tenure with the Routt County Regional Building Department, Mark distinguished himself as an able and competent leader. He made the department more customer friendly, and was instrumental in developing a computer tracking system to aid contractors to monitor each step involved in receiving a building permit. He also implemented an interactive voice system that allows contractors to request building inspections until Midnight the day before. These technological improvements significantly improved the department's efficiency.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Mark Marchus and wish him all the best as he steps down on April 30 from the Routt County Regional Building Department. He has dedicated his time and energy toward the betterment of the Routt county community and cer-

tainly deserves the praise and admiration of this body of Congress and this Nation. Mark, thank you for your dedicated service.

CONGRATULATING CHARLES FLACK UPON RECEIVING THE B'NAI B'RITH COMMUNITY SERV- ICE AWARD

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my very good friend, Charles "Rusty" Flack, Jr., of Dallas, Pennsylvania, who received the Community Service Award from the Seligman J. Strauss Lodge No. 139 of the B'nai B'rith. Mr. Flack received the award on February 22, 2004 at the 58th annual Lincoln Day Dinner. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Mr. Flack for this well-deserved honor and expressing our appreciation for the positive contributions he has made to Northeastern Pennsylvania as both a businessman and as a member of the community.

For nearly a quarter of a century, Mr. Flack has served as Chairman and CEO of Diamond Manufacturing Company, a West Wyoming-based company that employs 250 individuals and has grown to become North America's largest supplier of perforated metals. In 1998, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry bestowed upon Diamond Manufacturing Company its Small Business of the Year Award, and in 2001, Diamond Manufacturing earned the distinction of being one of the Best Places to Work in Pennsylvania. These achievements are especially noteworthy because Rusty and his brother Hal inherited Diamond Manufacturing under tragic circumstances when their father died suddenly at an early age. Although only in their twenties when they took over the business, Rusty and Hal have led Diamond not only to survive, but to thrive.

Mr. Speaker, I do not rise today merely to extol the success Mr. Flack has had as a businessman, though those accomplishments should not be dismissed. Despite the responsibilities any small business demands from its owner, Rusty has always remained involved in numerous civic, religious and educational endeavors and organizations. In each instance, he has performed with a commitment worthy of the award he is about to receive. I have called upon him myself on numerous occasions to seek his counsel and request his assistance in mediating difficult situations. The respect with which he is held within the community helped enormously in bringing adverse parties together.

Among his many civic activities, Mr. Flack currently serves as Chairman of the Wyoming Valley Health Care System, the largest employer in Luzerne County; as the treasurer of the Wyoming Seminary, a prominent K-12 preparatory school in Northeastern Pennsylvania; and as a trustee for the College of Misericordia, a leading institution of higher learning. As an active member of the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church in Dallas, Pennsylvania, Mr. Flack has sung in the choir, taught religion to young churchgoers, and served in the vestry as a senior warden.